

Rockland Update from Congressman Eliot Engel



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DEAR ROCKLAND NEIGHBOR,

I have prepared this Report to update you on some of my work as your Member of Congress.

This includes obtaining millions in Federal funds for Rockland County and for your community. I continued my opposition to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airspace redesign plan for Rockland by voting against FAA funding in March.

My Rockland office has assisted people and communities in solving problems. If we can be of assistance to you, please call, stop by, or write to my office at 261 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY 10994 or call 914-735-1000.

You can find additional information on my record in Congress at my website: [http:// engel.house.gov](http://engel.house.gov) You can also sign up for special e-mail reports and updates by clicking on “Eliot’s E-mail Updates” on the website. As always, I ask that you send me your opinions, views and suggestions on the issues facing your community, Rockland County and our nation.

Sincerely,
Eliot L. Engel
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Member of Congress

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FROM CONGRESSMAN ELIOT ENGEL

Congressman Eliot Engel Obtains Millions in Federal Funds for Rockland

Since 2007, Congressman Engel has obtained over \$144.6 million in Federal funds and grants, and Economic Recovery Zone bonds to help the County's economy. The Federal funds included:

MAKING ROCKLAND COMMUNITIES SAFER

Congressman Engel secured \$1,529,364 for the Piermont, Nyack, Tappan and Village of Spring Valley fire departments, the Rockland EMS, and to promote volunteerism in Rockland emergency services.

Over \$1 million will improve local police protection, including funds to combat drugs, gangs and violence against women.

\$6.28 MILLION IN FEDERAL HOUSING GRANTS

Rockland County received Federal housing grants totaling \$6,281,983 to assist in rehabilitating and creating more affordable housing for County residents, and to help towns and villages expand their community revitalization efforts. Millions more in housing grants will be received later this year.

ROCKLAND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Rockland received over \$51 million to control flooding, improve sewers, and for bridge and road improvements.

\$15.186 million will be used to replace the Palisades Parkway Bridge over Route 202. Millions more will go for rehabilitation work on bridges and pavement resurfacing throughout Rockland, including \$1 million for Clarkstown.



Sewer District 1, covering Ramapo, Clarkstown, and parts of Orangetown, received a \$35.2 million Federal Environment Protection Agency grant.

Congressman Engel obtained \$500,000 to assist in replacing failing septic systems and aging treatment plants threatening to pollute water supplies in Rockland.

\$767,000 was obtained for Southern New York Flood Control projects to reduce the risks in part of Clarkstown and in Suffern. An additional \$191,000 was obtained for flood control in Ramapo.

\$3.52 MILLION TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE

The Refuah Health Center and Community Medical and Dental Care received Federal funds to enable them to provide quality health services – regardless of insurance and income levels.

\$10.94 MILLION FOR HEAD START

Rockland County Head Start received Federal grants totaling \$10,944,756 to improve and expand its programs serving pre-school children. Head Start of Rockland provides services at centers in Nyack, Spring Valley and Haverstraw.

OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS

The Pearl River Chamber of Commerce received funds to improve sidewalks, planting of trees, and other improvements. Rockland Community College will have new state-of-the-art science labs. Funds were obtained for the Rockland Economic Development Corporation. And \$1.6 Million was secured for Clarkstown, Orangetown and Rockland for reducing energy use.



Over \$17 million for Our Schools

\$17,095,183 in Federal Title I and IDEA education funding was awarded to our school districts to help save education-related jobs, modernize schools, and maintain educational programs, including programs for students with disabilities.

An additional \$298,665 was obtained for school library and literacy programs in East Ramapo, and \$261,029 for South Orangetown's foreign language programs.



Congressman Eliot Engel discussing his work in Congress on behalf of Senior Citizens. including **\$15.2 million to construct new affordable senior housing in Rockland.**

Helping Piermont

Congressman Eliot Engel knows the importance that smaller sums can make to a community.

When a broken drainage pipe caused a sinkhole and the Village had to move the pipe, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) agreed to reimburse the Village almost \$88,000 for its share.

Then FEMA reneged and only paid \$56,000. After Congressman Engel intervened, FEMA paid Piermont an additional \$31,000.



Congressman Eliot Engel meets with New York first responders and Congressman Jerrold Nadler after voting in the House Energy and Commerce committee for the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act to discuss the Act.

Congressman Engel co-sponsored the legislation that provides comprehensive health care and compensation for the first responders and survivors who became sick because of the 9/11 attacks and the cleanup of Ground Zero.

DC backing new \$\$ for Ground Zero heroes

A bill backed by New York lawmakers to give federal benefits to people sickened by toxins at Ground Zero won approval yesterday in a key committee vote.

"This is the least we can do," said Rep. Eliot Engel (D-Bronx), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Com-

mittee, which OK'd health care and financial compensation for ailments contracted in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Mayor Bloomberg said, "It's only fitting that we take care of those who survived the attacks, and those who risked their lives to save others."

The James Zadroga 9/11

Health and Compensation Act of 2010, named for an NYPD detective who died after inhaling toxic dust at Ground Zero, is expected to win passage from the full House.

"It's a great step forward. Hopefully, when it goes to a full vote, the politicians will recognize our suffering and our

work won't be forgotten," said retired NYPD Detective John Walcott, who developed leukemia in 2003, at age 38.

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